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Newsletter #95:

What's New at Shanna Schmidt Numismatics Inc.

I am having a great time in San Francisco as you can see from this photo (snow crab was the reason for the bibs!). I was lucky enough to share a meal with this fantastic group of folks after attending a very informative lecture on Judaeen coins from David Hendin (also pictured in the photo second from left front). If you ever get the opportunity to

attend one of David's talks you must do it. He does a great job of explaining the historical significance of Judaeon coinage.

I've just completed the first of the two day SF bourse. It's been three years since we last had the SF show and it ended with a great deal of sadness as Tom Cederlind, the dealer that picked up the baton from the previous show promoter John Jencek, died suddenly just afterwards. It's been wonderful to see some old familiar faces here. I've really enjoyed my time here.

For all my customers, I will be headed out for a nice long vacation in Vietnam. This is the first true vacation that I will be taking since starting my business over 2 1/2 years ago. I will be unavailable for any auction representation during my vacation.

This coming week are two major Swiss auctions, NGSA and Hess-Divo. I will be taking customer bids for NGSA but unfortunately I won't be able to participate in Hess-Divo as I will be flying on that day. I'm happy to assist any of you that might need guidance however so get in touch if you need.

I'll repeat the two auctions that will take place in Switzerland below:

NGSA (Dec 3)

NGSA holds auctions every two years or so. They always offer high quality coins and when it is possible I enjoy to be there in person. There are 719 coins on offer. I have some hard bound catalogs still available so if you would like one for yourself please get in touch. I'm happy to send them out. If you want help with this auction please get in touch soon. I'm planning to phone bid for interested customers.

Hess-Divo Auction 335 (Dec 6)

Hess Divo is holding a major live auction on December 6th in Zurich. The first portion of the auction is dedicated to a nice group of classical Greek coins from the Aboutaam Collection. Many of these coins are at the high end of the spectrum in quality and boast some incredible pedigrees. The second part of the auction is from the Osaka and Nagoya Collections. These are Swiss, European, world coins and medals (Osaka) and rare Belgium patterns (Nagoya). I still have a few hard bound catalogs left so if you are interested in one please get in touch. I will be working with an overseas partner to bid in this auction as I will be traveling on this day so please get in touch soon if you need my help.

E-Auctions from December 6-21

During my time away there are several electronic auctions. I won't be available to bid in these auctions but there isn't any reason not to check them out as there will certainly be many beautiful pieces available. All these auctions can be checked out on Sixbid or Numisbids:

Triskeles Auction 334 (Dec 7)

Obolos Web Auction 11 (Dec 8)

Leu Web Auction 6 (Dec 8)

Naville Auction 45 (Dec 9)

Aureo & Calico 321 (Dec 11)

CNG E Auction 434 (Dec 12)

Savoca 28th Online Auction (Dec 16)

There are several others but these are auctions that I have participated very often and would have recommended to you had I been around.

The New York International Trade Show (January 4-13, 2019 with bourse activities taking place Thursday-Sunday, January 10-13, 2019)

This is the show of all shows for ancient and world coin dealers. If you have never been to the NY International and you like coins than this is a show to consider attending. For dealers it is a grueling week filled with lot viewing and auctions with the culmination being a 4 day bourse. For collectors it is an amazing opportunity to meet with fellow collectors, attend some of the best auctions of the year for U.S. coin firms and finally meet dealers face to face while being offered their best material. I can't stress enough the importance of this show for our industry.

New York City isn't inexpensive and January is hardly the time to visit but trust me when I say you will not regret it. I'm including the website for the NY International since there is so much to see and do there:

<http://nyinc.info/>

I'm pleased to be an exhibitor at this show for my second year. When the Waldorf Astoria closed to undergo renovations the show moved to the Grand Hyatt Hotel, located at 109 East 42nd Street, New York, NY 10022, between Park and Lexington Avenues. The Grand Hyatt also enjoys a direct indoor connection to Grand Central Station, the terminal point for commuter lines of the Metro North System. There are also direct indoor connections to multiple stations of the New York City subway system. Generally the show has gotten much easier to attend and there are a lot more options for dealers for socializing after the show. There will be 115 dealers attending this show so I hope to see some of you attending. Please get in touch with me should you have any questions.



Coin of the Week

<https://www.shannaschmidt.com/roman-repuclit/roman-republic-anonymous-rome-c-241-235-bc?rq=rr1121>

ROMAN REPUBLIC. Anonymous. Rome, c. 241-235 BC

AR Didrachm, 6.33g (19mm, 7h). Helmeted head of beardless Mars r., bowl decorated with griffin / ROMA Bridled horse's head r.; behind, sickle.

Pedigree: Ex Leu 17, 1977, Nicholas collection, lot 6. Ex NAC 83, 20 May 2015, 224

Price: \$8,250

In 281 BC Rome entered into war against Tarentum and started to produce its first silver coinage; a didrachm of this type. Previous to this, Republican Rome used heavy bronze currency of various sizes and denominations. This particular type was new for Roma as the style of the coinage copied its Greek forefathers in symbolism, style and look. The departure from the heavy Aes Grave coinage to a lighter silver currency was likely based on the need to pay large numbers of troops in a coinage that would be familiar. This denomination continued to be struck until the emergence of the silver quadrigatus in 235 BC.

References: Sydenham 24. Crawford 25/1. Historia Numorum Italy 297

Grade: Rare and in unusually fine condition for the issue. Wonderful old cabinet tone. EF/aEF

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If you are interested in this coin please click the link above or email me at shanna@shannaschmidt.com

Until next week!

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